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Paul Manafort leaves Federal District Court in Washington on Monday.

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SPECIAL COUNSEL INVESTIGATION

# 3 from Trump campaign face felony charges; 1 pleads guilty

**THE INDICTMENTS** touch all levels of Trump's campaign, exploring possible financial wrongdoing as well as an apparent bid to arrange a meeting with Russian officials.

### pleaded guilty

George Papadopoulos, right, a former campaign adviser to Trump, admitted lying to FBI agents about his contacts with a foreigner who he thought had close connections to senior Russian government officials, court documents revealed. The information he provides could be key to further scrutiny of others, legal analysts said.

### pleaded not guilty

Paul Manafort, above, President Donald Trump's former campaign chairman, and Trump's one time business associate Rick Gates, left, pleaded not guilty to all 12 counts, including conspiracy against the United States, making false statements, money laundering and other financial counts. The indictment alleges the men tried to hide money through offshore bank accounts.

*From wire reports*

SPECIAL COUNSEL ROBERT MUELLER on Monday revealed charges against three former Trump campaign officials – including onetime campaign chairman Paul Manafort – marking the first criminal allegations to come from probes into possible Russian influence in U.S. political affairs.

The charges are striking for their breadth, touching all levels of the Trump campaign and exploring the possible personal financial wrongdoing of those involved, as well as what appeared to be a concerted effort by one campaign official to arrange a meeting with Russian officials.

One of the three charged, former Trump foreign policy adviser George Papadopoulos, admitted to making a false statement to FBI investigators who asked about his contacts with a foreigner claiming to have high-level Russian connections.

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DECRIMINALIZING MARIJUANA

## Key lawmaker to lead uphill struggle in General Assembly

Study concludes change to law would prevent thousands of arrests in Virginia

**Senate Majority Leader Tommy Norment said his bill, which is being drafted, would make first-time marijuana possession punishable by a fine, mandatory education and a driver's license suspension.**

**By Eric Hartley**
*The Virginian-Pilot*

**RICHMOND**

The majority leader of the Virginia Senate said Monday he plans to introduce legislation next year that would decriminalize marijuana possession for first-time offenders.

The change would save thousands of people from the threat of criminal records and jail time. More than 112,000 people were arrested on first-offense marijuana charges from 2007 to 2016, a statewide review found.

Sen. Tommy Norment's comments came as the State Crime Commission heard the results of a study and listened to dozens of speakers on both sides of the issue.

Norment said his bill, which is being drafted, would make first-time marijuana possession a civil offense punishable by a fine, mandatory education and a driver's license

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Highs: Upper 60s.
Lows: Mid-40s.

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## Federal judge blocks Trump's ban on transgender troops serving in military

### injunction on proposed policy

A presidential directive set to take effect in March would have blocked military recruitment and forced the dismissal of current transgender service members. The judge found that a lawsuit to declare the ban unconstitutional likely would prevail.

**By Justin Jouvenal** | *The Washington Post*

A federal judge in Washington blocked the Trump administration's proposed transgender military ban, writing that the policy "does not appear to be supported by any facts."

U.S. District Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly issued the preliminary injunction Monday, finding that a group of transgender service members would have a strong chance of prevailing in their lawsuit to have the ban declared unconstitutional. The injunction remains in place until the lawsuit is resolved or a judge lifts it.

The move is another legal setback for the president, who surprised military leaders and members of Congress when he announced the proposal via a series of tweets in late July that reversed an Obama administration policy allowing transgender service members to serve openly and begin enlisting in January.

The tweets were followed by a presiden-

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## Ex-NSU football player told 911 his friend tried to rob him, so he shot him in the head

**Jaquan Anderson, 22, was charged with second-degree murder in the death of Nick Ackies, 18.**

**By Jonathan Edwards**
*The Virginian-Pilot*

**NORFOLK**

A former Norfolk State University football player charged with murdering a current player said he shot his friend in the head because the friend was trying to rob him, according to 911 recordings.

Jaquan Markee Anderson, 22, called 911 just after 6 p.m. Friday and told dispatchers he killed his friend with a gun, Detective Jeffrey Scott said in court documents.

Officers arrived at Anderson's apartment minutes after he called, and paramedics pronounced 18-year-old Nick Ackies

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